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FOR DICK MOOSE FROM AMBASSADOR BREWSTER

E.O. 11641: XGDS-1
TAGS: PDEV WA SF UN US UK
SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON POSSIBLE FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING

REF: STATE 17283; STATE 18364

1. I TALKED TO FCO PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY PALLISER
JANUARY 24 ABOUT RECENT UNFORTUNATE PRESS LEAKS,
ESPECIALLY THE APPLE STORY CARRIED JANUARY 24 IN NYHT.
I POINTED OUT THAT THE APPLE STORY HAD TO HAVE BEEN
BASED ON A REPORT OF OUR RECENT MEETING WITH DAVID
OWEN BECAUSE IT MADE THE SAME INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN
THE RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN SITUATION AS OWEN HAD. MORE-
OVER, I TOLD PALLISER THAT SUCH REPORTS WOULD UPSET NOT
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ONLY OUR FRONT LINE FRIENDS BUT ALSO SWAPO AND URGED
HIM TO DISCOURAGE LEAKS FROM THE BRITISH SIDE. THOUGH
HE HAD NOT SEEN THE APPLE STORY, PALLISER SAID HE WAS
GRATEFUL FOR MY COMMENTS.

2. I ALSO REGISTERED OUR DISMAY AT THE WILLINGNESS OF
HMG TO COMMUNICATE WITH NKOMO ON PARTICIPATION IN

SALISBURY TALKS AND SURPRISE AT THE REVELATION OF OUR
JOINT THINKING ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
NAMIBIA AND RHODESIAN SETTLEMENTS IN RELATION TO SOUTH
AFRICA. I AM CONFIDENT THAT HE GOT THE POINT.

3. WHILE I PERSONALLY DO NOT THINK EITHER EVENT IS
TOO SERIOUS, I DO THINK IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PULL THE
CHECK REIN. SEE YOU SUNDAY.

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